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TIME: 2H30 HOURS

TOTAL MARKS: 80

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Instructions:

- Answer all the questions
  - Write neatly and legibly
  - Justify all your steps with mathematical theory
  - Use pen, not pencil
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### Question 1

1. The equation  $y'' - y = e^x$  has a general solution of the form [ 2 marks ]
  - (a)  $y = Ax + C$
  - (b)  $y = Ax^2 + Bx + C$
  - (c)  $y = Ae^{xr_1} + Be^{xr_2} + Ce^x$
  - (d)  $y = Ae^{xr_1} + Be^{xr_2}$
  - (e)  $y = Ce^x$
2. Suppose  $\mathbf{y}^*$  is a steady state of the first order system of differential equation  $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{y}^*)$  on  $R^n$ . If each eigenvalue of the Jacobian matrix  $DF(\mathbf{y}^*)$  of  $F$  at  $\mathbf{y}^*$  is negative or has negative real part then
  - (a)  $\mathbf{y}^*$  diverges
  - (b)  $\mathbf{y}^*$  is an asymptotically stable steady state of  $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{y})$
  - (c)  $\mathbf{y}^*$  is an unstable steady state of  $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{y})$
  - (d) the system  $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{y})$  never reaches equilibrium
  - (e) none of the above
3. A basis for the null space of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 1 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$  is [ 2 marks ]
  - (a)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix}$   
or any multiple of it
  - (b)  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -\frac{1}{7} \end{pmatrix} \right\}$
  - (c)  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$
  - (d) Any set of orthogonal vectors
  - (e) none of the above
4. Given that  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix,  $A$  is said to be diagonalisable if [2 marks]
  - (a) It has a set of  $n$  linearly dependent eigen-vectors
  - (b) If there exist a matrix  $P$  such that  $PAP^{-1} \neq D$
  - (c) If there are repeated eigen-values and the set of eigen-vectors is given as  $S = \{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_m\}$  where  $m < n$
  - (d) If there are distinct eigen-values and the set of eigen-vectors is given as  $S = \{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_m\}$  where  $m = n$
  - (e) If the characteristic polynomial has complex roots
5. The first integral of the system of differential equations  $x' = y$  and  $y' = -x$  is [ 2 marks ]
  - (a)  $F(x, y) = xy$
  - (b)  $F(x, y) = x^2 + y$

(c)  $F(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$

(d)  $F(x, y) = x + y$

(e)  $F(x, y) = x - y$

TOTAL MARKS [10 marks ]

## QUESTION 2

1. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be defined by  $T(x, y, z) = (2x + y - 2z, 2x + 3y - 4z, x + y - z)$ 
  - (a) Find the matrix  $A$  that represents  $T$  [ 1 Mark ]
  - (b) Find the characteristic polynomial of  $A$  and the eigenvalues [ 4 Marks ]
  - (c) Find the linearly independent eigen-vectors for each eigenvalue of  $A$  [ 4 Marks ]
  - (d) Is  $T$  diagonalisable? State a reason to your answer. [ 3 Marks ]
2. Prove that the diagonal entries of a diagonal matrix  $D$  are eigenvalues of  $D$ . [ 4 Marks ]
3. Prove that if  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with an eigenvalue  $r^*$  of multiplicity three and with three independent eigenvectors, then  $A$  must equal the diagonal matrix  $r^*I$ . [ 4 Marks ]

Total Marks : 20

### QUESTION 3

1. Given that  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

(a) Find all eigen-values of  $B$  [ 2 marks ]

(b) Find the orthogonal matrix which diagonalises  $B$ . [ 6 marks ]

2. Show that the general solution of  $y' = t - y$  is  $y = ke^{-t} + t - 1$  , and find the solution that satisfies  $y(1) = 1$ . [ 8 marks ]

3. Show that  $y = x - x^{-1}$  is a solution of the differential equation  $xy' + y = 2x$

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4 marks ]

Total Marks [ 20 marks ]

#### QUESTION 4

1. Sketch the direction field of  $y' = x + y^2$  [ 4 marks ]
2. Solve the differential equation  $\frac{dp}{dt} = t^2p - p + t^2 - 1$  [ 4 marks ]
3. Find the general solution of the second order differential equation,  $y'' - 2y' - 3y = \cos 2x$ .  
[ 6 marks ]
4. Solve the initial value problem for  $2y'' + 5y' + 3y = 0$   $y(0) = 3, y'(0) = -4$  . [ 6 marks ]

Total Marks [ 20 marks ]

### QUESTION 5

1. Find the steady state of the system for  $\mathbb{R} > 0$  and establish its stability

$$x' = 2xy - 2y^2$$

$$y' = x - y^2 + 2 \quad [5 \text{ marks}]$$

2. A vector field on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is defined by  $F(x, y) = (-y, x)$ . Describe  $F$  by sketching some of its vectors. [5 marks]

Total Marks [ 10 marks ]